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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q58735

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Appln. No.: 09/617,920

Group Art Unit: 2623

Confirmation No.: 8339

Examiner: Jingge Wu

Filed: July 17, 2000

For: METHOD OF COMPRESSING/EXTENDING COLOR REPRODUCING SPACE,
COLOR REPRODUCING METHOD AND COLOR REPRODUCING APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2003, Applicant hereby elects the claims of Species I of Fig. 3.

As an initial matter, Applicant submits that 26 claims, and not 25 claims are pending in the application. The Examiner appears to be missing page 83 which is enclosed herein along with the U.S.P.T.O. date stamped application filing postcard. The postcard indicates the number of specification pages (94) and number of claims (26) originally filed and received in the application.

Page 83 of the specification describes claim 12. The Examiner indicated that the claims were renumbered since claim 12 is missing. Applicant submits that since the U.S.P.T.O. was

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missing page 83, which describes claim 12, the claims were not numbered incorrectly.

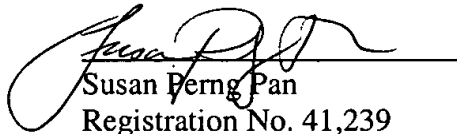
Therefore, 26 claims are pending in the present application.

Therefore, Applicant has elected Species I corresponding to Fig. 3, which pertains to claims 1-19 as originally filed (including page 83 claim 12). This election is made without traverse. Applicant submits that no new matter is raised, since page 83 was previously filed at the U.S.P.T.O. as indicated in the filing postcard.

The U.S.P.T.O. is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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and, thereafter, compression or extension is performed in a linear manner.

12. The method of compressing/extending the color reproducing space according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

predetermining a common region highest chroma point having a maximal chroma value within the same hue plane in a common region of color gamuts of said first image input/output device and said second image input/output device, before said chroma compressing/extending step is performed;

performing compression or extension in which the chroma value at the highest chroma point of the color gamut to be compressed or extended becomes the chroma value of said common region maximal chroma point with respect to the color gamut in said chroma compressing/extending step; thereafter,

performing the correction of lightness value which allows the highest chroma point of the color gamut in which compression or extension of the chroma has been transformed to coincide with said common region highest chroma point, in said lightness correcting step; and thereafter,

compressing or extending the color gamut which has been corrected in said lightness correcting step to transform it into the common region of the color gamut of said first image input/output device and said second image input/output device



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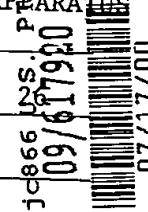
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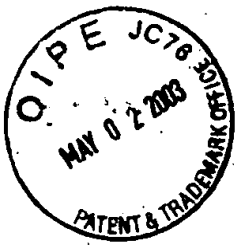
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